

THE
ARK of FAITH:

OR

A Supplement to the

Tree of Faith, &c.

FOR THE

Further Confirmation of the same.

Together With

A Discovery of the NEW
WORLD.

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*By Faith Noah being warned of God,
prepared an ARK to the saving of
his House; by the which he con-
demned the World, and became Heir
of the Righteousness which is by
Faith.*

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be thence revived, and Prayer en-
 vivigorated, that so the Hea-
 venly Powers and Constellations
 co-operating therewithal, they
 might bring down the Golden
 Floods of Love to cover the
 Earth; that may bring up what
 hath lain under the Death, that
 is to say, a Resurrection Body
 of pure Spirits in a new spring-
 ing Paradise, which is the New
 Earth so much Prophefied of,
 upon which Righteousness must
 dwell.

§. 2. For the Signs of the Su-
 perior Heavens do signifie out
 as much, that the Time is very
 near at hand for the Accom-
 plishment of all these: for
 which End there was shewn to
 me an Ark in the Figure, but
 which was declared to me in the
 Mystery to be no less then the
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Substance of the whole Triune
 Deity, who would suddenly
 send forth Ambassadors from
 themselves, that are to be as
 the First Fruits and Represen-
 tatives of the Bride to gather
 in all such, as were to make up
 the whole *Jerusalem* - Bride;
 whose Habitation is prepared
 in Wisdom's Wonderful Paradi-
 sical Principle.

§. 3. Wherefore it was not
 long after I had received the
 first Manifestation and Figura-
 tive Opening of Faith's *TREE*,
 from the Spirit of Faith grow-
 ing up in me; before I had fur-
 ther Notice given me, of an
ARK, into which Faith's Ar-
 chers who had hitten the Mark,
 were to be received in. For in
 a little more then a Year after
 that, I had this free Communi-
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cation with my Lord concerning it, which follows: And notwithstanding the latter Part of this, amongst many other of my Papers, has been lost, yet this which hath been by the All-wise Giver of it preserved for that end, will, I know, be of some Service and Use; and therefore have I been prevailed with, to insert it here, though I am not able to recal what either went before, or followed after it.

February 21. 1687.

§ 4. Being upon my Internal Watch in the pure stillness of my Mind, this Word came to me, saying, *The Ark of Faith* which the Lord hath been these many Years in raising and building, is yet not pursued, and as
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little understood, although Warning upon Warning, and Sound upon Sound have gone forth for preparing and building such an Ark, which may float upon the broad River of the Holy Ghost: Then was I touched at this saying of my Lord, as being conscious how he had opened to me this effectual Door, and Mystery of Faith, charging me to keep to the Rules of it, which upon this Word I questioned whether I had kept up to so precisely, as I had received command to do. Whereupon the Spirit pray'd in me, Lord God Omnipotent, if I have been negligent, shew it me: with much more to that effect, in which my Heart was enlarged to pray about it. Then was it in this wise revealed, and answered me: Thou hast been learned and taught as another
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Noah to prepare and build an Ark of Faith in this Invisible World: therefore stick not, but go on forward, and I will strengthen the Studs and Stakes thereof, which shall be as stable as Gold, that shall be laid in as a firm bottom. Who further said to me, That there was One known by Name, that should have of the same Spirit of Faith to concur, and build with me, and so we should be mutually made able to strengthen one anothers Hands, to carry on this great Work, as Male and Female in one Person, or Spirit, to enter first this Golden Ark of the Presence, when reared up, for which we should receive further Advertisement, as we should wait diligently here-upon.

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§. 5. Then it arose further in me by way of Query, to propound some things relating to this Fabrick unto the Great Master and Builder hereof; who answered me most freely, to whatever my Spirit was made to Inquire. But the Particulars of this matter being obliterated and passed away, the same Divine Spirit that was then present with me, and ready to dictate what was requisite by me to be known, hath now (after many Years) revealed, and brought again to my Internal Sight, this Ark of Faith, in the ensuing manner, which I am commanded to declare and publish, for the Information and Encouragement of all those that seek to be redeemed from the Earth, and would enter into this Ark.

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¶ 6. The Virgin Wisdom founded a joyful Cry, saying, Come and see what an Ark is prepared for them that are Born into the Faith, as mighty Hero's to act the Wonders of the New Creation; which Ark is made in my New Paradise, that hath not yet been inhabited; where-upon great Floods came down from the Heavens as a Golden Rain; which covered the Face of the Mountains, as the Waters did in *Noah's* time drown the Old World: So that there was a mighty Sea, which was called the Love-Sea. Yet did it not as yet universally cover the Earth. Then after this did descend also this mighty Ark, in

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in which was Faith's great Conqueror *Christ Jesus*; with *Abraham*, *Noah*, and all the High Elders of the Faith; which floated upon this Sea. This Ark was all of a most diaphanous fine Gold, with Six Wings on each side branching forth from it; so that it did Fly as well as Swim: which Wings were full of Eyes. Then was it said to me, What dost thou think this Ark is sent down for, but to take in, and receive such as have looked for Redemption, to be Saved from the Violence and Curse of the Old Earth, and from the Malignancy and Venom of the Starry Kingdom? A loud Cry and Call then came out of the Ark, saying, Come, Hasten, and escape for your Lives, for here is a Shelter prepared for you, while

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while those that do slight this Call, and have not Faith to fly away, must in another Deluge be swallowed up, which will be as the *Waters in Noah's Day*, falling down upon them from the *Starry Firmament*, while the *Children of Wisdom's Kingdom*, who have obeyed her Voice, shall here be kept, having the *Wings of Power*, which I had before seen, given to them, that they might fly into this Ark. Whereinto some Eminent in the Faith were received with great Acclamations, and Embracements, and these that first entred had great longings to attract in others after them; which they waited here in hope to see.

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February the 19th.

§. 7. Then the Great Captain of the Ark of Faith, Christ Jesus, did steer the Ark, which with flying Wings did swiftly pass, and landed us in the New Paradise. Where we were received by the Divine Magus's, and Masters of the Faith, who understood the Mystery of all Miraculous Faith. This was a wonderful Place, the like of which I had never seen, for the Walks were all paved as with Transparent Gold, and several Temples were here, in which these Elders in Priestly Robes all glittering did pay their Homage to the Great and Mighty King, by whom they did work all their great Works, and

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and give Existency to that which never had been. Then were we led out to view the pleasant Trees and Groves for delight and recreation; and the Trees did seem to be as of pure Gold, and the Branches to be laden as with Diamonds, and all the variety of Precious Stones. Besides which there were Trees also laden with all sorts of precious Fruits for Food: and Rivers with Fountains flowing with spiced Wine, and Cups and Flagons round about the Fountain. So we were called to drink at these Fountains, and to eat of these Fruits, being entertained by these Magi: to whose Care by the great Shepherd of this Fold we were committed. Who were to usher us back to the Ark, to bring in others, and transport them hither. Which accordingly was done. §. 8.

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§. 8. After which it was said to me, this Ark doth represent the Body of Faith, of which the Lord Christ is the Head, of whom the Church that is to be gathered into this is the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. Then did it float and fly with great force, with outspread Banners: and a mighty Angel that was in it, did sound forth his Trumpet, that all that would come out of the *Babylonish* Confusion, should admittance have. At this Alarm came divers in, the mighty Spirit of *Cyrus* resting upon some, the Spirit of *Elijah* upon others, of *Nehemiah* and *Zorobabel* upon a third sort, of *Gideon*, *Barak* and *Deborah* upon others of *Miriam*, *Huldah*, *Dorcas* and *Lydia* upon some; of *Titus* and *Omesimus* upon others.

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others, with the beloved *Mary*, *Martha* and *Hephzibah*, with numerous others, both Males and Females that were unknown, of this and other Nations. For they flocked from the utmost Parts of the Earth as Doves to the Windows of this Ark, having heard the report of this Good Land, from those who had been sent thither as Spies to see it out. And when thus the Ark was filled, it was by a Principal Angel sitting at this Helm, Steered to this Paradisical Land, where they were Landed with a joyful greeting; and had all their Tents here prepared for them; this being said to be the Plantation for the Virgin *Philadelphia* Church, which has in former Treatise been Described.

¶ 9. And upon an Inquiry
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made, whether all were now Landed? It was by the Spirit of Wisdom, answered, No: For that the Ark was not to rest, but to Fly and Float for more to be gathered in, till the Full Body of the First Resurrection State was compleated, and brought hither, to put on their Immortal Robes, for the Triumphant Consummation of the Marriage of the New *Jerusalem* Bride. This is a wonderful Mystery, which in its Fulfilling Day, will better be understood: for which we are to wait in great clarity of Mind, and sanctity of Heart, in pure and perfect Dedication, and Seperation from all that is gross and vulgar; for that none else can have admittance into this Holy Ark, but such as are fully and wholly Purified by Faith.

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§. 10. Here I thought to have stopped, as not knowing there should be any further Addition from the Spirit of my Lord; but the next Morning, *February 20.* all was opened to me again, the Ark descending, and a Commission given from the Lord to the Beloved *John*, to steer it, with some Few Names born in to the Love, and Practicioners of the High Mystery of Faith, who were here with him to abide, and as Heraulds to Proclaim the Love-Messsage, and to call in such as were willing upon the Report made concerning this New found Paradifical Land, to leave the Land of the Curse, and to wind themselves out

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out of the Sensitive Principle, so as to be Disciplined into the Faith. So accordingly as Report was made by these Persons of what they had seen in this New Paradifical Country, the strength and power of Faith and Love did so manifestly appear, and give such a Witness in those that were in this Ark, that they did attract many from all Parts. And when the appointed number was fulfilled, the beloved Great Apostle spread out the Wings of the Ark, in which were fixed the piercing Eyes, that did see the way by which they were to move till they came to this goodly Land; who then delivered up his Charge to the Princess and Governess of this Land. Who received all out here with an amiable Reception, telling them this Climate

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mate was of a Transmuting Property, which would put another kind of Body upon them, that should be of such Agility, Purity, and Clarity, as the Old Body should in all its Infirmities be swallowed up into this. Then was there given a Roll, wherein there was written certain Rules, which they were to Act, and be Practitioners in, as the Laws of this Kingdom, whereof the Kingly Saepherd himself did give them a Pattern, and said, Ye are to Act and Work, as myself have done and acted, as an obedient Son to the Father. What ye have seen me do, that are ye also to do, as Followers of me: for hitherto the Father worketh, and I work, and ye must be fellow-workers with me, as risen with me: and so must all your Works now be
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by the Faith of my Operation in you. Then the Roll was Read to these that were now Landed, as it had been to those that were before admitted to be Inhabitants.

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The Laws of the High
and Holy Calling,
that are to be Obser-
ved by those that are
admitted into this
Paradifical Land.

§. II. **T**hese are the Particulars of
that Holy Calling, which
all are in this Place to Profess.

I. The First of these, is to learn of
me, (saith JESUS) to be Low-
ly and Meek in Spirit, even as I
am, being contented with no lesser
Degree. For this is the first Fun-
damental Qualification: for as much
as my Lily grows only out of such a
Ground

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Ground as is all leavened, and of an
even Temperature, neither too Hot or
Cold, Moist or Dry; but found always
in Contrition and Humility: from
whence Exaltation to Higher things
will certainly arise.

II. The Second Degree which ye are
to take from hence, is to know how to
understand the Manual Operation of
the Hand of Faith, by which the good-
ly Tent must be wrought for Shem
and Japheth to dwell together in great
and full enlargement. For through
the Exercise and nimble Activity of this
Hand, all Provisions necessary will be
brought in for the Bridegroom and
Bride to live upon.

III. A Third Particular relating
to your High Calling is to attend, and
officiate in the most Holy Inward Court,
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thereto wait, and be at hand to receive evermore fresh Command: as also to hear, and learn what further is requisite to reach to the highest Accomplishment towards Natures most Perfect Restauration.

IV. The Fourth Particular, or Law, is to come to a putting forth of all the Essential Properties into Activity, according to what ye have seen, and been instructed in from the Father and me, stirring up the Gift, that so it may not lie useles in you in any Degree.

V. Ye are not to think it sufficient that ye have Learned Part of my Calling; but ye are in this Place to learn All, even to the full Unity; according to the Example which I have set you. Therefore come, set your Hand
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of Faith to Work and Act, as I your Lord have done; who expect you should come up to those Measures I have set before you: who am, and will be to you, the same flowing Source of Life-quickning Power, if called out, that I was when planted in your Likeness.

Behold! I am at hand to do as great and mighty Works, as ye are able to receive. So will I imprint not only the Image of Purity, but of Power upon you, that so ye may full out be made Partakers of my Profession. Which doth not only consist in Love, Meekness, Gentleness, Patience, Wisdom, and Soundness of Judgment, but also in the Faith of the Omnipotency. For in my Calling it is only requisite to have Light and Understanding, to find out the Mystery of this High Art, but Strength and Might to
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Work out the same from the Eternal Magia Root; from whence the Birth of Power doth proceed. Now before ye can Proficients and Practitioners in all things answerable to your President herein be; ye must come to be strong, and find ability to turn about that which moveth the Creating Word: by which all lost Dominion may be Renewed. But what can draw forth that, except it be somewhat, that is Equal in Might with it self; which will be found out if the Will-Spirit sinks deep into its own Central Root. From whence the Life sappy-Power may spring, which will do Miracles at Will. This was the Principal Work and Business belonging to my Calling, which on the Earth I did, and yet do, appear again to walk, and to be admired through the raising again of this Mighty Power, which in all of

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of you shall wonderfully work, that have ceased now to live promiscuously in that low Temporizing State, which I have called you out of: that so capable ye might be of this Worthby and Honourable Vocation; exactly in, and according to, the Method that I have shewn to you: That so not only in the Hopes circling about, but coming to the very Manual Exercises themselves, ye may reap, and live upon the Benefits which this Pure Abstracted Calling shall and will abundantly bring in, and not only bare Grain, that is for and to your own Accounts; which the least in your Eye must be.

VI. For Abel-like ye are to bring the First Fruits of this high extracted Calling, to sacrifice all in a flaming Oily Perfume unto your Great Melchizedeck.

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VII. Further ye are Excited to feed upon no other Fruits, but what the Tree of Faith doth give forth. I am that Tree which ye must feed upon all other Trees forbidden are, which cherish up the Life of Sensibility. Therefore fix your Eye, and center your Heart upon that which may nourish up this Birth of Faith, till it reach to its full Maturity: then will it come to understand what Sovereignty and Dominion it is entituled to, as a King and Lord over all.

§. 12. Then Queried I with my Lord, What was meant by those Trees which I had seen all laden with Precious Stones, and the Trunks of them of such fine Gold? To which it was Answered me, that those did run Parallel

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Parallel with the New Jerusalem, representing the Bride of the Lamb that was thus to be adorned. For it was shewn me, that these Trees were Representative Figures of those that were brought into the Ark, and here Landed; whose Cloathing was to be in such variety of Sparkling Glory, that from the Golden Sap of Faith should be always fresh and flourishing.

§. 13. Then I Queried further of him that shewed me these things, Whether it were possible for Mortals, whose dwelling was in this lower World, to know such a Translation as this? It was hereupon Replied, There is no less a thing designed: the Time and Age for this is already come to some, that in the

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the Inward Figure as Representatives stand, who are in Spirit transported into this Mystical Land. But in obscurity they must be, till the Hand of Power shall rend away the Veil, that hath upon this Glory a Covering been; but yet the Faith is growing, and when to a full Body of Strength it shall reach, then shall ye see the Wonders fly from each of these bright-lustrous Trees, which in the New Paradisical Earth shall multiply numerously.

§. 14. It was then further said, To you that attentive are to these my Sayings, and obedient shall be to my Rules, I will put no other Burthen upon you, but to hold fast the Faith, that springeth from the Golden Stem

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Stem of Love; wherein your Strength shall be as Anointed Cherubs still to move, your Rest to find in me, where no Annoyance can ever be. For this is a New Time, in which the New World will appear: therefore spare ye not it to declare, and proclaim. By this now let all understand, what a wonderful Time is at the Door.

§. 15. Upon which my Spirit was carried to cry, O Mighty Alpha and Omega, Arise thou and Gather in, by thy great Power and Strength, into this Ark such as are to make up the First Resurrection-Body; to whom thou wilt be the Head, the Crown, the Joy and the Glory. Verily, this is the Time in which thou wilt send forth thy Messengers that shall sound the Jubilee Horn, and pour out therefrom that rich Anointing.

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Oil to consecrate a Priestly Race; that shall no other thing mind, but to pursue, and follow after that which is highly Divine. For which there is this Day great Travail: O God, let not the Lordly Birth, which is the King and Heir of Faith, any longer stick: let thy Mighty Arm and Hand take hold of it, that no more drawings back there may be, but the Son of Joy and Laughter we may see. For surely the Virgin Bride preparing is her self, in expectation that her Kingly Bridegroom will no longer stay, but make speed and come away; that all Redeemed from the Earth may be, that have waited in the Faith this Resurrection-State to see. And in this New World, do thou, O great Shepherd, plant us, as Trees of Righteousness and Glory, circling

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cling about thee, who the overspreading Tree of Life, and splendorous Bightness art, under whose Shadow we shall grow most fruitfully.

ψ. 16. Neither pray we alone for these First Fruits, but that a plentiful new Sowing of thy Spirit may go forth, to bring in the rest of the Harvest, that lieth yet as under Death and Barrenness. For thou hast said thy Ark shall not take up its Rest till it hath made its flight to all Corners of the Earth. The Trumpet of thy Love shall such a loud Cry send forth, throughout all Nations, that constrained they may be, to fly as swift Dromedaries, and bring their Offerings into thy sacred Ark. Even so, Blessed JESUS, let all these Prophecies fulfilled be, both what hath been in past Ages given, and hath been of late so plentifully

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afully Renewed, through them
whom thou hast for this end
chosen, though not worthy to
be named, yet known by Name
in thy Book of Life, which
sufficient is: who shall never
cease, or any Rest take up in, un-
til thou hast made a Glorious
Spotless Church upon the Earth
to appear, as a Flying Ark with
Banners, whose Eyes as Lamps of
Fire may go forth, to gather in
the whole Priestly and Heaven-
ly Host, from all Quarters and
Parts of the Earth. Even so, with
thy Triumphant Church,

Shall we the Song of our Re-
demption Sing
Glory, Glory, Glory to the
Triune King.

Even so: Amen, Amen.

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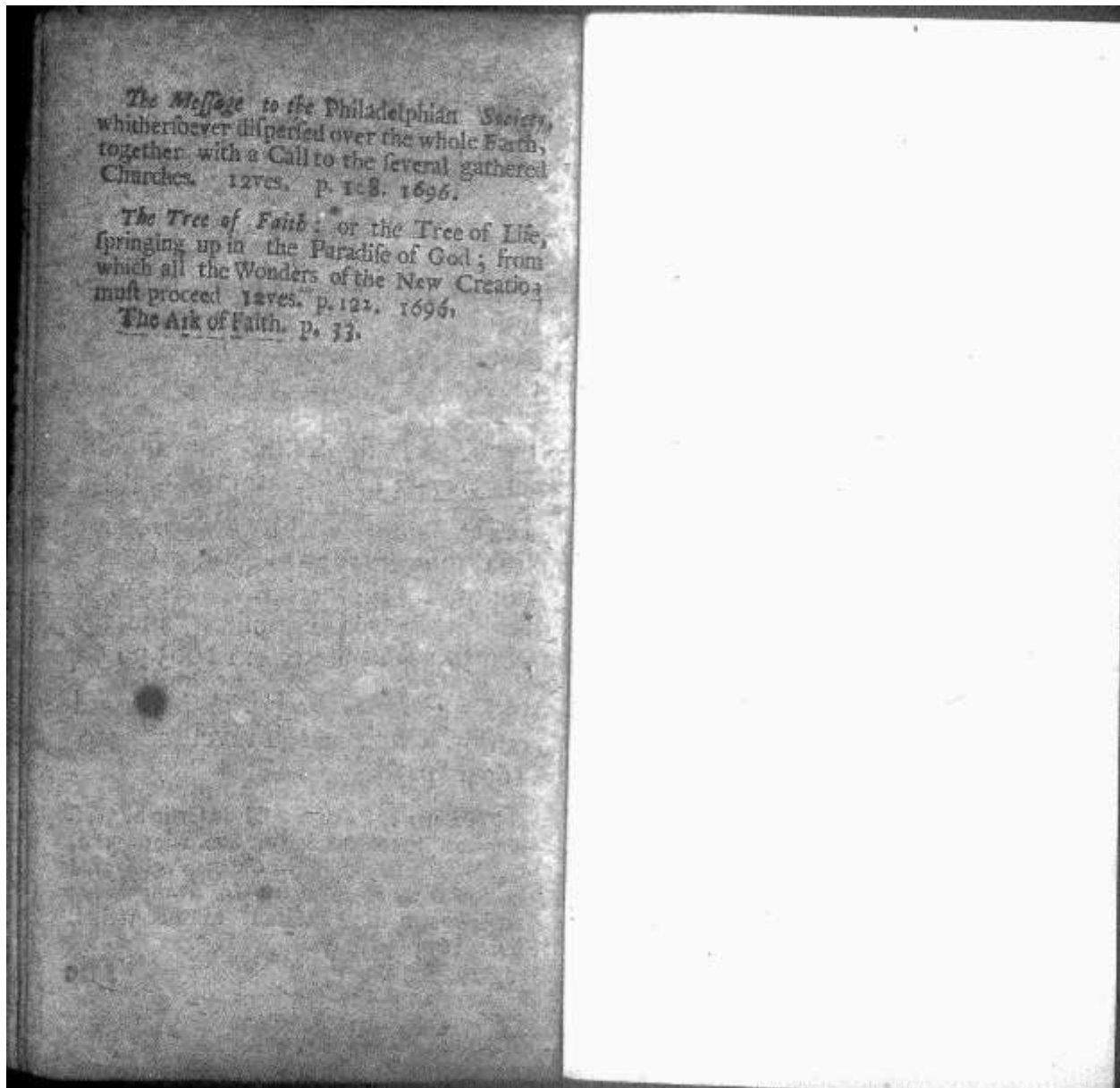
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